Remarks

The specification has been amended to include an abstract on a separate page. Support for the amendment adding the abstract to the specification can be found in the abstract printed on the published PCT Application No. PCT/US03/15427.

The specification has also been amended to direct the entry of the sequence listing after the claims of the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments herein, and their entry is respectfully requested.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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